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In re the application of:

Teiichirou Chiba et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

July 22, 2002

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official action mailed February 21, 2002. The Official action set forth a threemonth period for response, and a petition for a two-month extension of time is attached hereto, making this response to one or before July 21, 2002. Since July 21, 2002, was a Sunday, this response can be timely filed on the following business day, Monday, July 22, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph: